

## Panama Canal Regulations

## § 117.1

or more officials of the Board. The report of any such investigation or proceeding is subject, however, to the requirements of Part 117 of this subchapter.

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### § 115.3 Employment of inspectors and examiners.

The Board may employ or assign such inspectors and examiners as it may require in the inspection of vessels and in the classification and licensing of pilots, masters, mates, and engineers.

### § 115.4 Recorder of Board; duties.

There shall be a Recorder of the Board, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of its proceedings; of all applications for licenses; of those issued or refused; suspended, extended, or modified; together with the name, grade, and serial number of all such licenses; and of all casualties, collisions, foundering, sinkings, fires and other disasters or matters of interest that may come before the Board. Under the direction of the Chairman he shall prepare, submit, and register all licenses and certificates of inspection, and the reports mentioned in this part or in Part 117, 119, or 121 of this chapter, and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Chairman.

### § 115.5 Recorder may administer oaths.

The Recorder is authorized to administer the oaths required for the completion of official documents of, or which are presented to, the Board.

CROSS REFERENCE: For authority of the Board to administer oaths, see 2 C.Z.C. 1101, 76A Stat. 38.

### § 115.6 Assistance of owners or operators and masters.

Owners or operators and masters of vessels shall render all requested assistance to the Board in its investigations and inspections, and shall, when requested, put machinery and gear in operation when necessary to demonstrate the efficiency of the machin-

ery, equipment, appliances or other gear.

### § 115.7 Inspection of records of Board.

All official records and documents in the office of the Board, after official action thereon has been concluded, shall be open to public inspection and examination in the office of the Board.

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### § 117.1 Investigation of marine accidents.

(a) Whenever, within Panama Canal waters, including the locks of the Canal, a vessel, or its cargo, crew, or passenger, meets with a serious marine accident, or whenever, within the harbors, anchorages, and areas adjacent thereto, including the ports of Balboa and Cristobal, there is a serious marine accident involving Commission personnel or equipment, the Board of Local Inspectors shall promptly investigate in detail the conditions and circumstances under which such accident occurred.

(b) Any other marine accident occurring in such waters may be investigated by the Board at the discretion of the Maritime Operations Director.

(c) The Master of a vessel involved in a marine accident may request an investigation of an accident not considered by the Board to fall within paragraph (a) of this section. The request must be addressed to the Chairman of the Board, and must be in writing. If